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Frank's header saves the day!

● Flying J.U.S.T. defender Frank Micic chips in to head the ball clear and stem a Hellas attack at Olympic Park on Saturday. J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Ivan Fode was there to back him up, as Hellas forward Ernie Ackerley came in from behind.



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SOCCER MEN TOLD TO KEEP QUIET - National League stir

Soccer officials have been politely told to "keep their mouths shut" over the proposed National League.

This advice comes from the Australian Soccer Federation, following statements in the Press on the pros and cons of the league.

A memo signed by the Australian chairman, Mr Theo Marmaras and secretary Bob Clark asks "members, member clubs and members of clubs to refrain from open public controversy concerning the introduction of a National League.

The Federation is concerned that premature and possibly ill-informed statements of this early stage may "prejudice serious and logical discussion of a very worthy proposal."

Their memo adds:

"In principle it should be the desire of every country to conduct its own national competition.

"This can only be done by the National Association if true and genuine expression is to be given to all sections of our code.

"It may be well to remind ourselves that at this very moment Soccer is the largest single football code in Australia, and this position must be consolidated rather than dissipated.

"The thought of a National League opens up tremendously interesting horizons, but the whole subject has to be thoroughly evaluated and properly presented before any one of us can authoritatively argue for or against its implementation.

"A sub-committee of the National Executive has been set up for this purpose. Extensive inquiries have been initiated in South Africa and Western Germany.

"Terms of reference for the sub-committee are all-embracing and it must be permitted to do its job quietly, patiently and diligently so that its report can be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

"As a question of major policy is involved, only the chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation is authorised to issue any public statements and all members should give effect to this position and ensure enforcement at all levels so that the best interests of the code as a whole are harmoniously preserved."

No, Dennis wouldn't want to play a man's game. He's happy being a sissy.

Dennis is one of hundreds who would earn more in a week than an entire Australian Rules team put together (including those who don't abide by the Coulter Law).

Everton, who came to Australia earlier this year, earn about £100 per man. There wasn't a tough guy among them.

But who wants to be a tough guy and play a man's game when you can tour the world with a girls' team—and get paid around £100 a week at the same time?

Who's got the brains, really—the big tough guys?

Or the quiet little fellows playing the girls' game?

WHY FRANK BARBAZZA REFUSES TO PLAY SOCCER IN VICTORIA AGAIN - See page 4

Pull your head in, Captain Blood

The world is made up of many weird and wonderful characters.

There are those who open their big mouths too wide, and talk a lot of nonsense.

And there are those who don't talk so much, but who go about their job quietly and efficiently, minding their own business.

Into the former category comes a character by the name of Jack Dyer, alias "Captain Blood", football player extraordinary.

Now Jack is big-time in this city. A lot of people take a lot of notice about what he says. A lot more people laugh.

Jack the other week went along to see the final of the Dockerty Cup, and in one game, one game only, he has our code well and truly summed up.

We're a bunch of sissies, he says.

Now, that statement will make a lot of people smile and wink knowingly in 126 countries throughout the world. These are the people who don't say much, but go about their job quietly and efficiently.

Dennis Law, for instance, of Manchester United. He earns £250 a week just for being a sissy.

Dennis couldn't play Australian Rules. He's not even 10 stone, and he'd get his head knocked off in the first five minutes.

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● 5th Melbourne-Hellas goalkeeper Savvas Kagioglou looks like he's doing a war dance after dropping

this hot shot from J.U.S.T. in their Australia Cup game at Olympic Park on Saturday. The pint-

sized keeper was kept on his toes in the second half when J.U.S.T. rammed home their attack.

CUP FINAL IN MELBOURNE

The Australia Cup final will be played in Melbourne on Sunday, November 1.

This will be the third final. Previous winners are Yugal (NSW), 1962, and Slavia, 1963.

Mr Arthur Calwell, Leader of the Opposition, will present the Cup and medals to the winning team and runners-up.

Semi-finals of the Cup are expected to be played in Sydney and Melbourne on October 25.

Elliott wins

Melbourne centre half Alan Elliott won the trophy for the best and fairest player of the cup.

The trophy was presented by Dimarchis Wine and Spirit Merchants, of Fitzroy.

Some people just talk too much

By MARTIN ASTON

Some of our Soccer officials are doing so much talking that they are getting into the class of Cassius Clay.

And that is why Australian Soccer Federation president Theo Marmaras and secretary Bob Clark have issued an official statement asking all officials and clubs to refrain from open public controversy concerning the introduction of a National League (see Page 1).

One point that is of real interest in the statement is that extensive inquiries have been initiated in West Germany and South Africa for advice on forming a "Super League".

But the one paragraph that is really farcical is the last one, which says:

"Terms of reference for the sub-committee are all-embracing, and it must be permitted to do its job quietly, patiently and diligently so that its report can be presented to the annual general meeting."

This paragraph is a real shocker, because one member of this "quiet, patient and diligent" sub-committee is making more statements than the rest of the officials put together.

He has succeeded in splitting the Sydney management committee into two distinct factions.

On one side you have "Super League" supporters in the NSW chairman, Ben Nathan, Australian Federation vice-president Jim Bayutti, Walter Sternberg and Johnny Thomson.

And just as outspoken in opposing the idea of rushing into a national competition in such a hurry are Frank Hoffman, Alec Pongrass, Frank Parsons and Andy Burton.

A decision whether NSW will approve of the proposal to start a National League next year was due to be made at Wednesday night's council meeting in Sydney.

But I can tell you without fear of contradiction that officials behind the "Super League" are determined that it shall start next season, irrespective of what is decided by the NSW and Victorian councils.

A company called the "National Soccer League Ltd" has been registered in Canberra, and it is reported that the two listed shareholders are none other than our old friends Walter Sternberg and Jim Bayutti.

My information is that clubs who want to break away and form a "Super League" will become shareholders in the company.

The company will then apply for affiliation to the Australian Soccer Federation.

The only people who seem likely to do any good out of such a set-up are the players.

They will be able to stand over their clubs and demand even bigger money than the inflated amounts that they already are receiving.

Four of our Sydney clubs in Apia, Pan Hellenic, Hakoah and Yugal have openly stated that they are going to join the "Super League".

And officials claim that South Melbourne-Hellas and Hakoah are two of the Victorian clubs who are with them.

Organisers say that one of the things which is going to be insisted upon is that all clubs in the National League drop "foreign" names.

Argentina to play here, November 8

The Argentine Olympic team will play Victoria at the South Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday, November 8, at 2.45 p.m.

The Argentine side play New South Wales under lights in Sydney on Friday, November 6.

These are the only two games the Olympic team will play in Australia.

BACKGROUND TO SOCCER

Go jump in the lake, said Jim

Our enthusiastic delegate Jim Bayutti wasted no time in telling a Malta official what he thought of him, according to a report of the recent FIFA congress in Tokyo.

"Go and jump in the Emperor's lake," shouted Mr Bayutti across the floor to him.

He was commenting on a demand for Australia to pay about £15,000 in compensation for a number of former Maltese players who have come to Sydney and Melbourne.

But Mr Bayutti got his point across to the other delegates and it was passed by a big majority that Australia should not have to pay a penny to Malta.

I can't quote anybody, but a little bird told me that . . .

● Sydney's Pan Hellenic club are willing to pay £75 a week to Jim Kelly to act as their captain and coach if they can buy his contract from South Coast for £2500.

● Goal chaser Ernie Ackley already is interested in following in the footsteps of his cousin Stan and moving to Sydney.

● Pan Hellenic's former NSW goalkeeper, Jan Boul, has been placed on the transfer list and is interested in a move to Victoria to join the Wilhelmina club.

— MARTIN ASTON.

APIA'S BIG 'IF'

Sydney's Apia club are in such outstanding form that they could win Alitalia's £5000 Australia Cup competition . . . but it is doubtful whether they will have the chance.

By MARTIN ASTON

This is because they are losing three of their top players for the next two weeks.

Their top goalscorer, John Watkiss, right half Pat Hughes and left full back Stan Ackley are going on a tour of Noumea and New Zealand with the NSW team.

Apia are lucky to have two such experienced players as Johnny Wong and last year's South Australian captain-coach Billy Sinclair available to come into the team as replacements.

But they still are likely to be struggling to beat Queensland's Latrobe Club in a quarter-final due to be played in Sydney on Saturday.

Apia gave a brilliant display to score a runaway 6-2 victory over the once proud Prague in last Sunday's match at Wentworth Park.

Budapest - St. George became the other Sydney team to qualify for the quarter-finals when they recorded an easy 3-0 win over South Coast.

They are due to oppose South Australia's champion team Juventus in Sydney on Sunday, and face overwhelming odds because they also have lost three players in the NSW touring team.

But, unlike Apia, they have no depth of reserve players to replace right full back Herbert Stegbauer, right half Manfred Schaeffer and inside right John Warren.

The most surprising thing about their victory on Sunday was that Budapest scored two goals within a minute while playing a man short.

Warren was forced to leave the field after receiving a nasty knock on the head.

But before anybody realised what was happening left half Hugo Rodriguez had scored with a scorching shot from 30 yards out and newly arrived Scottish centre forward George Yardley fastened on to a perfect pass from Alf Stokes to make it 3-0.

Apia 6 (D. Falconer 2, J. Giacometti 2, J. Watkiss, K. Jaros) beat Prague 2 (L. Scheinflug 2).

Budapest - St. George 3 (J. Galambos, H. Rodriguez, G. Yardley) beat South Coast 0.

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A J.U.S.T. defender misses with his sliding tackle and Hellas forward Ernie Ackerley takes off with the ball, in the Australia Cup match at Olympic Park on Saturday. Hellas forward John Anderson is in the background.

We should go into Cup semis from here

By JIM COOK

Unless the form book is knocked overboard and miracles happen, Melbourne should have both J.U.S.T. and George Cross in the Australia Cup semi-finals.

Although last week's form by both sides may be good enough to beat the teams from Tasmania and West Australia, both J.U.S.T. and George Cross will have to improve their play if they hope to win the Australia Cup.

J.U.S.T. v Rapide

JUST should stroll into the Australia Cup semi-final with a decisive win over the Tasmanian side, Rapide.

Particularly if their trio of injured players, Rodek, Dixon and Piki, are fit to resume.

But without these three the task still looks comparatively easy and the Rapide side, about whom little is known, must be more optimistic than hopeful.

With Fode one of the most reliable 'keepers in the League, a half line that often proves a barrier to top State League sides and an attack with plenty of scoring potential, the Footscray side must take the field highly confident.

And skill sprinkled with confidence is a sure recipe for success. But against unknown quantities there is

always some danger, so J.U.S.T. would do well to rid themselves of the easy-going approach they frequently employ.

The result should never be in doubt, with J.U.S.T. winners all the way.

George Cross v North Perth

George Cross may face some danger and difficulties from North Perth, who have been one of the leading sides in West Australia since 1947. In that State they have built up an impressive record in both League and Cup competitions.



With five State representative players in their line-up, this casts my mind back to earlier this season when West Australia put up a good show against NSW in Melbourne.

The Maltese side appeared a bit rusty against Juventus following their two-week lay-off without a game. But they have the ability and experience to run North Perth into the ground early. And I feel this will be the pattern the Cross will follow.

With a stout-hearted defence that can withstand plenty of pressure without cracking, they should have little difficulty in holding the opposing forwards.

But attack is a different story. Plenty of ability and thrust, they all too often fail to click and combine as a unit.

However, George Cross appear to have such an overwhelming overall advantage that I must predict a convincing win for them.

Slavia are still smarting after their elimination from the 1964 Australia Cup. And, who can blame them, with the rich rewards this competition brought them as winners last year.

Slavia—they had so much to show

By JIM COOK

Slavia play one of the most attractive brands of Soccer in Australia — but they have one of the weakest followings of any club.

Undaunted by their meagre support, Slavia officials have set about their task of building a first-class side with enterprise and effectiveness.

And their Dockerty Cup win was at least some consolation for their efforts.

Late in the season, with the premiership within their grasp, they wilted when McDonagh and Meehan stormed off to upset the rhythm of the side.

But their undoubted failing was against Wilhelmia when, leading 4-2 with less than 20 minutes to go, they cracked to finally go under by the odd goal in nine.

Their team selection on that occasion was under severe criticism when they weakened their defence by playing Billy Cook at centre forward.

Strongest department of their side is undoubtedly their defence. Man for man, and as an effective rearguard, they are equal to the best in Australia.

With the forwards, however, it was a different story. Only right-winger McMeekhan consistently showed the form which matched their defence.

The others had different attributes, such as skill without finish, tenacity only, and good ball control. But generally speaking, Slavia were as good as any in the State League.

Here is a round-up of the players who formed the first team squad:

GOALIES

BAROTAJIS: Eight years with the club and a native of Latvia. Hampered by a bad thigh injury for many weeks.

MEALYOU: Recent acquisition from Scotland, where he played with Berwick Rangers. Conceded only one goal in his five first team games.

FULL BACKS

SHEPHERD: Came from Airdrie two years ago. Currently the number one choice for Victoria at right back.

ALDIS: Many years a full timer with Aston Villa. In the veteran stage, but highly effective with his "know how" and positional play.

HALF BACKS

AUCHIE: Formerly with Burnley in England. An excellent purveyor of the ball and an effective intermediate inside forward.

COOK: Played several first team games with Scotland's first division, Kilmarnock. One of the most sure-footed and steady centre halves in the game.

SANCHEZ: Born in Gibraltar, and played with Arsenal and Gravesend. The Argus Medal winner in 1963. Driving force in the Slavia side.

FORWARDS

McMEEKHAN: Right winger who had a spell with Exeter City. Fast and

extremely nippy.

SAVAGE: A promising utility forward, who scored quite a few goals.

HARPER: Product of the Ayrshire Juniors. A tenacious player who never gives up.

BIRCH: Former Manchester United player who came as player-coach. Has lately confined his duties to coach only.

McNECHAN: Formerly of York City in England.

McDONAGH: Possesses a powerful shot, but doesn't unleash it often enough.

McCORQUODALE: A clever ball manipulator, who is inclined to overdo this. Played for Dumbarton in Scotland.

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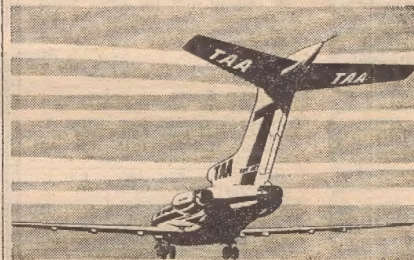
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ONCE AGAIN OUT OF LINE



No competition in Soccer seems complete unless someone steps out of line somewhere along the way. The Australia Cup competition was almost thrown into chaos this week when Sydney clubs Apia and Budaya threatened not to play their quarter-final games until the NSW tour of New Zealand and Noumea was completed, about October 26. They feared that with one or two players out of their side they would fare badly in the Cup matches. Never mind the Federation and the sponsors who organised the tournament, or the public who pay to keep the game going. Oh, no, once again it was a matter of club-interest first and Soccer second. These clubs would have got their just desserts if they had been fined £250 for breaking the rules of the competition. Happily, they save their money and the Cup continues.

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A BIG BLOW-UP LOOMS OVER FRANK BARBAZZA



● Juventus star centre forward Frank Barbazza returned from Italy two weeks ago in a blaze of publicity. He had spent nearly 18 months in his native Italy, and had been offered a five million lire (£3500) contract to sign with third division club Siena. But Frank changed his mind at the last minute, and came back to Australia. Our picture shows him taking a header in a game earlier this year. With latest events prove that Frank will again fall on his face, rather than his feet?

A king-size row is brewing in the Juventus club this week over controversial Frank Barbazza, 23.

● Frank claims he's being forced out of Soccer by Juventus, who refused to give him a clearance, as promised, to play in Italy. ● Juventus deny this, and counter-claim that Frank has demanded £1000 to re-sign again with the club.

Frank says...

"I won't play for Juventus again — or any other club until I get satisfaction from Juventus. "When I went to Italy earlier this year they promised me a free transfer if I made the grade.

"When I did make the grade Juventus demanded £1000 from me. I would not pay it, although I was offered £3500 from Siena, because it was a matter of principle that Juventus would not live up to their promise.

Juventus say...

Juventus official Ferdi Varrenti said last night that Barbazza went overseas with big ideas.

"He wrote to us asking for a transfer. We did not want to stand in his way and were prepared to give him a 12 months' free clearance.

"We didn't want one penny.

"But if he made the grade, we told him to get his club to negotiate with us. We would have given him a life clearance for £1000, but this would have to be done through the normal channel.

"The next thing we knew he was on the way back. Then he gets cocky and was reported to have said that he wanted £1000 to sign on with us again.

"Barbazza has been invited to play with us — he has had invitations to training nights, but he hasn't turned up. "The door is wide open if he wants to come back."

What it was like

This week Soccer News had lunch with Frank Barbazza. Frank is a former waiter, now unemployed.

Over a glass of chianti in a Melbourne bistro he told us of life in Italy as a Soccer player. "It's a great life, but there is a strict discipline," he said. "They tell you what time to go to bed, and what time to get up. What to eat and what not to eat. "They tell you when you can go out with girls, and when you can't. What you can drink, what you can't drink."

Frank said that if the trainer caught you eating ice cream you were fined 5000 lire. Mushrooms brought a 5000-lire fine, too.

Your spaghetti was eaten with butter—sauce was taboo. Steak was out, too. One player who had ice in his drink was fined 5000 lire.

The style in Italy

The style of Soccer nowadays in Italy tended to be defensive.

They play the four-three-three system (four full-backs, three half-backs and three forwards).

It makes for dull Soccer, but it's the results that count. One goal usually wins a match in Italy.

Tactics play a big part in the game.

MORE LETTERS

SIR, — Although our Queensland State side defeated—and deservedly so—Victoria here in Brisbane, it would be ridiculous to claim that the standard here is higher generally, as the entire team was built on three clubs, Latrobe, Merton and Azzurri. The same must also apply in South Australia and Western Australia, where top overseas "imports" have not yet really made their mark, and for this reason I think a National League, to be truly national, would need several years of careful planning, if it is not to develop into nothing more than a Sydney-Melbourne league. Wollowin, Brisbane, Queensland.

—ALAN FOUCHÉ

SIR,—I read in Soccer News various ideas to get Australians to the game, but what about the British migrants who come out here and follow Aussie

Rules? To please their mates in the workshop they make an excuse that Soccer is not British standard, but if they had sense they would fight Aussie Rules, and its powerful propaganda, and support the nearest Soccer club, no matter how low in skill. How can they expect to see world standard if they do not support the game, instead of supporting the opposition?

I can't see any real skill in Aussie Rules. It is played with an oval ball, the oval shape being designed for rugby football. I like to play chess because it is a scientific game and watch Soccer because it is the best and most skillful game in the world.

I am retired from work, but I used to fight for Soccer in the workshop, and I had great opposition.

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● These pictures tell a story . . . a story of woe for Juventus goalkeeper Martin Beurcht. ABOVE, the second goal scored by George Cross on Sunday soars into the net, out of reach of Martin's outstretched hands.



● Another unhappy moment for Martin, as he kicks the ball from the back of the net after David Goldie had scored.



● But these fans are happy about it all — they support George Cross, and their team won 2-0 on Sunday. This roar from the stand came after the Cross had scored their second goal, from the boot of Archie Campbell. This photo series by Don Hruska.

Manny's first win with George Cross

Coach Manny Poulakakes, the man who helped make the mighty South Melbourne-Hellas, is already fast building his new club — George Cross.

Manny had his first success on Sunday when George Cross beat Juventus 2-0 in the first round of the Australia Cup at Olympic Park.

He commands respect for his coaching tactics and has a reputation of getting on with the job.

Following his success on Sunday, it looks as though the Cross will be hanging on to Manny next season for their State League games.

Manny, who has been

signed for the duration of George Cross Australia Cup commitments, has proved an immediate success to the players both with his tactics and coaching methods.

He has the full confidence of the players.

Lou deBono, George Cross president, said that Manny had always been a friend of the club and they were more than grateful for his help at this vital period of the Cup series.

Manny, a former top goalkeeper in Egypt and Greece, left Hellas when Paddy Sloane, the former Irish international, took over.

Manny had a spell for a few months before he was given the impossible task of saving Alexander from relegation.

This was his last coaching job until he joined George Cross for their Australia Cup games.

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NZ would like us to tour

Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland have been invited to take part in a sponsored tournament in New Zealand next year.

Prize money offered is £1000, and the tournament will be held during Easter.

The tournament will be sponsored by the New Zealand Football Association in conjunction with Hansells Pty., who will pay fares to and from New Zealand, and all accommodation expenses.

The games will be played over seven days in Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland.

The idea has been approved in principle by the Australian Federation and New Zealand has been authorised to make definite contractual proposals, so that formal approval can be given by the Australian Executive Committee.

JUVENTUS COACH WANTS TO GO NORTH

Juventus coach Herbert Geraerts wants to coach Soccer in the Northern Territory.

He has applied to the Australian Soccer Federation for a coaching job either in the northern States, or the Northern Territory.

The Federation has circulated his request in its latest information bulletin.

Herbert was coach of Wilhelmina before going to Juventus this year.

He holds qualifications from both Dutch and German coaching academies.

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Under-12's carry on

By Stephen Kalus
Last round of the Under-12 competition South of the Yarra was played at Elwood Park. Hungarian Melbourne Junior Committee were hosts.

The leaders, Wilhelmnia, gave a splendid display against a weak team of Hakoah-Ajax who could field only 10 players. The Dutchmen, inspired by Mike de Bruyckere, won 6-0.

Surprise was the defeat of Melbourne by Chelsea. The seashiders won 1-0. Hellas had to fight all the way to win 2-1 against Moorabbin. Bayswater beat Ferntree Gully 3-1 and Frankston v Springvale finished scoreless.

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Jimmy Kasdaglis
Melbourne left winger, was the most improved player at the Australian Junior Soccer carnival in Adelaide last weekend.

Jimmy received the vote of officials as best man at the carnival following his brilliant display for Victoria, who finished third in the competition.

"South Australian officials competition after beating NSW 2-1 in the final.

Victoria finished third after losing 1-2 to NSW and drawing 2-2 with South Australia.

Most State representatives were shocked to find that not one ASF official attended the carnival.

South Australian officials didn't know what was going on. They received no support from the ASF," said a despondent Don Joiner, Victorian junior secretary, on his return to Melbourne.

"What little information the South Australians did receive was incorrect," said Joiner.

The South Australian organisation was faultless.

Joiner said that Victoria gave a good account of themselves, and had Mike Mandalis' plane not been delayed 40 minutes they would have beaten NSW.

(Mandalis flew from Melbourne to Adelaide immediately after the Hellas v J.U.S.T. Australia Cup match at Olympic Park on Saturday.)

Results:
Victoria 2 (Peat 2), New Zealand 0. **BEST:** Kasdaglis, Peat, Di Marchi.

Victoria 7 (Di Marchi 2, Ahonyi 2, Pocock 2, Olinovsky), Tasmania 0. **BEST:** Pocock, Kasdaglis, Marnur.

New South Wales 2, Victoria 1 (Ahonyi). **BEST:** Rosetto, Mandalis, Mullen.

Victoria 2 (Rosetto, Pocock), South Australia 2. **BEST:** Czernecki, Rosetto, Pocock.

Six Vics in Squad

Six Victorians have been named in a junior squad which is likely to be trained as a junior youth international side.

They are: Surma, Ahonyi, Kasdaglis (Melb.), Mandalis (Hellas), Rosetto (Juventus), Czernecki (Polonia).

POOLS PUNTERS' CORNER

Here is Australia's most comprehensive guide to the Scottish and English Soccer Leagues. Pools punters will find this Soccer News home and away guide to their advantage when marking their coupons.

SCOTTISH — DIVISION I

	HOME	AWAY	A	P
Kilmarnock	3 0 0 6	1 3 0 0	5	12
Hearts	2 1 0 13	4 0 0 13	5	11
Morton	2 1 0 6	3 2 0 4	1	9
Dunfermline	3 0 0 15	3 0 0 2	1	2
Hibernian	1 0 2 8	9 3 0 5	1	8
Motherwell	1 1 1 6	7 2 0 1	7	4
Clyde	2 0 1 8	1 4 0 2	7	6
Dundee	1 1 0 4	2 1 1 6	6	6
Aberdeen	2 1 0 12	7 0 3 4	11	5
Falkirk	2 0 1 5	3 0 1 2	4	11
Partick Th.	1 0 2 5	7 1 1 4	7	5
Rangers	1 2 0 10	3 0 0 2	2	7
St. Johnstone	1 0 1 2	9 0 0 2	2	11
T. Lanark	1 0 2 6	8 0 0 2	4	7
St. Mirren	1 0 2 3	7 0 1 2	4	3
Dundee U.	0 0 0 0	2 0 0 2	2	5
Airdrie	0 1 2 2	7 0 0 3	3	19

SCOTTISH — DIVISION II

	HOME	AWAY	A	P
Queen's Park	2 1 0 8	5 1 0 6	6	17
Stirling	2 2 0 10	3 1 1 6	6	15
Y. & Clyde	3 4 1 13	4 0 3 7	15	15
Q. of St. J.	2 0 10	5 2 1 13	8	14
Hamilton	2 2 0 7	4 0 0 4	11	12
Arbroath	2 2 0 6	4 2 1 9	6	12
Berwick	3 0 1 12	7 2 1 9	8	12
Shenstone	2 1 0 9	6 3 0 2	7	15
Montrose	3 1 1 10	3 0 1 7	10	10
Cowdenbeath	3 1 1 5	5 1 3 1	6	10
Albion	4 0 1 11	5 0 1 3	3	8
Stranraer	2 1 1 11	7 2 0 0	11	11
Forfar	1 1 1 11	7 2 0 0	11	11
Alloa	1 1 4 3	9 0 1 2	6	10
Raith	1 1 4 3	9 0 1 2	6	10
Ayr U.	1 0 3 6	9 0 1 2	6	10
Dumfries	1 0 5 4	13 0 1 4	2	5

ENGLISH — DIVISION I

	HOME	AWAY	A	P
Chelsea	5 1 1 14	6 3 2 0	12	6
Man. Utd.	4 1 0 14	5 2 2 11	6	15
Blackpool	5 1 0 16	5 1 2 2	12	15
Everton	2 3 0 10	6 3 1 2	14	9
Sheff. U.	2 2 1 7	4 3 1 2	7	13
Notts. F.	3 1 1 12	8 2 2 8	10	13
Sheff. W.	2 2 1 9	7 3 0 2	2	15
Arsenal	2 2 1 9	7 3 0 2	2	15
Tottenham	5 0 0 13	3 0 2 4	7	12
Leeds	4 1 1 16	10 1 3	6	12
Richmond	4 0 1 15	7 1 4 8	12	11
West Ham	4 0 1 16	7 1 4 8	12	11
Stoke	2 1 3 7	7 3 0 2	11	9
Leicester	3 2 1 14	10 0 2	2	10
W.A.R.	2 1 2 10	8 0 2 8	11	10
Fulham	2 0 3 8	10 1 4	10	10
Birmingham	1 2 2 9	11 2 0	4	10
Bury	4 1 0 10	9 0 0	5	17
Liverpool	3 1 1 12	10 0 4	4	10
Sunderland	1 4 0 11	10 0 0	5	15
A. Villa	2 1 2 7	9 0 1 4	6	15
Wolves	1 1 4 6	12 0 0	5	17

ENGLISH — DIVISION II

	HOME	AWAY	A	P
N'thampton	4 1 0 9	5 2 2 5	5	15
Norwich	5 0 1 16	7 2 0 3	4	14
Newcastle	4 1 0 12	9 2 1 3	5	14
Crystal P.	4 0 2 12	9 2 1 3	5	14
Rotherham	5 0 1 15	4 1 4 6	8	13
Bolton	3 1 1 13	7 2 1 4	4	16
Derby	4 0 1 12	7 3 0 3	14	13
S'thampton	4 0 1 12	7 3 0 3	14	13
Bury	4 2 0 14	6 1 0	4	9
Charlton	4 0 2 9	7 1 2	21	13
Plymouth	3 2 0 7	3 2 0	4	14
Leyton	5 0 2 16	12 1 0	4	13
Coventry	3 0 1 12	8 2 1	3	9
Man. City	4 0 2 12	5 1 0	4	6
Swindon	5 0 1 14	4 0 0	5	21
Middlesbrough	2 2 1 12	7 0 1	3	13
Portsmouth	4 0 2 12	7 0 1	3	13
Preston	1 3 1 8	9 1 1	3	12
Swansea	3 1 2 12	10 1 1	5	13
Huddersfield	1 1 3 7	3 1 0	7	7
Spawick	4 1 3 6	13 1 2	3	11
Cardiff	0 4 1 6	8 0 2	2	3

Our Jim was a Star at the Carnival

Moves are afoot to organise a national junior body. Requests will be made by State representatives to Australian Soccer Federation secretary Bob Clark within the next few weeks.

An official dinner to the New Zealand Under-19 team was given by Victorian junior officials at Esmeralda on Tuesday night. The boys later left for home.

The South Australian Federation bought each New Zealand player and official an Australian Junior Carnival blazer.

Benalla visit

Benalla Technical School will visit Melbourne on Sunday to play Altona North Technical School at Gardens Reserve, Sunshine.

This follows Don Joiner's visit to Benalla recently. It is the first time a country and metropolitan technical school will have played one another.

Sunshine City are forming an Under-18 team next season, and are looking for players. They will begin training on Thursday night at Gardens Reserve, Sunshine, at 6 p.m.

Next Sunday at Frankston ground all the postponed games will be played.

At noon Wilhelmnia plays Chelsea, at 1 p.m. Hakoah-Ajax v Ferntree Gully, 2 p.m. Frankston v Moorabbin and 3 p.m. Hellas v Hakoah-Ajax. At 4 p.m. the Under-12 selected team will play North of the Yarra. The Frankston ground is located in Cranbourne Rd Reserve behind the Technical School and the railway station.

Zemmels cup

Last Saturday at Elwood Park the first semi-final of the Zemmels Cup was played between the champions of the Under-18, Dandenong, and Hakoah-Ajax.

JUNIORS

Hakoah-Ajax opened the score in the first minute, but Dandenong won comfortably 5-2.

Goalscorers for Dandenong were: Parker 2, Callaway, McKinlay and Falzon. For Hakoah-Ajax, Stan Jacobs.

Jacobs is a very talented player who is only 16, and should be considered by the junior selectors.

On Sunday the losers (Hakoah-Ajax) played Melbourne and had three players injured.

Melbourne won 3-1, scoring the winning goals in the last 15 minutes of the game. An outstanding player of the semi-finals was Hakoah-Ajax's Harry Zylberstein.

A protest was lodged by the management of the Hakoah-Ajax Club against Saturday's game. Hakoah-Ajax is claiming that the Dandenong Club fielded three over-age players. The Disciplinary Committee will investigate.

JUNIORS' RESULTS

UNDER-12	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wilhelmnia	14	12	2	—	57	16	26
Hellas	8	7	—	1	32	6	14
Chelsea	8	4	2	2	9	7	10
Springvale	9	3	8	17	11	9	9
Melbourne	9	3	3	15	14	9	9
Frankston	8	4	2	11	11	9	9
Hak. Ajax	7	2	3	11	10	7	7
Bayswater	2	1	10	15	7	2	2
Moorabbin	8	1	2	5	10	14	4
F. Gully	8	—	8	1	3	5	0

UNDER-16 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne	14	12	2	—	57	16	26
St. Hill	13	8	1	4	46	31	17
Slavia	12	7	2	3	51	20	16
Hellas	14	6	2	4	24	16	16
Hak. Ajax	14	8	—	6	46	26	16
Wernia A	11	2	2	7	15	7	7
Hakoah	13	2	2	9	16	45	6
Wesley	13	1	11	8	8	0	2

UNDER-15 EAST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne	14	12	2	—	57	16	26
St. Hill	13	8	1	4	46	31	17
Slavia	12	7	2	3	51	20	16
Hellas	14	6	2	4	24	16	16
Hak. Ajax	14	8	—	6	46	26	16
Wernia A	11	2	2	7	15	7	7
Hakoah	13	2	2	9	16	45	6
Wesley	13	1	11	8	8	0	2

UNDER-14	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne	11	11	—	—	75	4	22
Slavia	11	11	—	—	29	7	15
D'ngong	11	8	1	2	47	9	17
Frankston	11	7	1	3	41	17	15
Wernia A	11	7	1	3	41	17	15
Hellas	11	6	—	5	51	22	12
B'water	11	5	—	6	13	46	10
Waverley	11	4	—	7	14	69	8
W'mine B	11	3	—	8	15	62	6
Cham H.	11	3	—	8	10	6	6
H. Ajax	11	1	—	10	1	71	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne	14	12	2	—	57	16	26
Box Hill	13	8	1	4	46	31	17
Slavia	14	7	2	5	51	20	16

Boy ... we made a boo boo here!

WOW! Is Soccer missing out on publicity!

Brother, if you only knew. After last weekend's boo boo I get the impression we're not interested any more.

On Monday Miss Mary Vrbancic made page one of our metropolitan papers when she was crowned Miss Victoria 1964.

Nothing significant about that so far as the round-ball game is concerned? No.

But wait a minute. Our Miss Victoria is ALSO "Miss Croatia" and "Miss North of the Yarra Junior Soccer."

It appears that no one bothered to tell the Press that our Miss Victoria was "discovered" in a Melbourne Soccer quest last month.

Shortly after Miss Vrbancic was crowned "Miss North of the Yarra Junior Soccer" on September 12, her picture appeared with Mr and Mrs Dick Harvey in Truth.

So there's no excuse that the powers-that-be didn't know.

Here's the girl Soccer found — and she's Miss Victoria, 1964. Mary Vrbancic has been pin-up girl for Croatia players and fans for a few years now. She has been Miss Croatia for the past two years. Mary came to Australia many years ago after a daring escape with her parents across the Yugoslav border. She said this week that you can achieve anything if you have the courage. She said many more girls should enter into beauty contests; and she also said that although New Australian girls were winning many beauty competitions they were no more beautiful than Australian girls. Mary is a diplomat, too!



Miss Croatia—Mary Vrbancic.

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Recognise any of them? If not, this is what they are:

Hellas, George Cross, J.U.S.T., Juventus, Slavia, Polonia, Makoah, Wilhelmnia, Hungaria, Lions, Triestino, Alexander.

The switch to local names must come eventually.

It will be easy for clubs like Hellas to make the change because of their South Melbourne prefix. J.U.S.T. and Slavia also won't find it difficult because of their Footscray and Port Melbourne tags.

But the team which has made the biggest step forward in choosing a local name is the Hungarian-sponsored Melbourne club.

Few refer to them as Hungaria now, although they still have a big percentage of Hungarian supporters.

In answer to many inquiries, The Australia Cup this year is being seeded to avoid high travelling expenses. Organisers say that if teams from Queensland and West Australia were flying across the continent every weekend there would be nothing left in the kitty at the end of the competition.

If you live in Springvale and you'd like to see some first-class Soccer films tonight (Thursday), I recommend the big show at the Mechanics Hall at eight o'clock. You'll see English League Division 1 leaders, Chelsea, the 1962 and '64 Cup finals and films on Stanley Matthews and referees. How is that for a good night out?

I met three Englishmen who take Soccer News each week, but don't attend weekend games. Asked why they don't follow the game here, all came up with the same answer — they haven't the time.

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WEEK-END GAMES

SATURDAY, October 17:
AUSTRALIA (ALITALIA) CUP — Second Round.
J.U.S.T. (Vic.) v. RAPIDE (Tasmania).
At SHOWGROUNDS — Kick-off 2.15 p.m.
SUNDAY, October 18:
HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP — FINAL.
HAKOAH v. LIONS.
At OLYMPIC PARK — Kick-off 1 p.m.
AUSTRALIA (ALITALIA) CUP — Second Round.
GEORGE CROSS (Vic.) v. NORTH PERTH (W.A.).
At OLYMPIC PARK — Kick-off 2.45 p.m.
Harry Armstrong (Reserve) Cup Final. — No extra time.
Australia Cup — 15 minutes each way extra time if required.

REFEREES: H. Eilers (NSW), J.U.S.T. v. Rapide (Hobart); A. Boskovic (NSW), George Cross v. North Perth (W.A.).
RAPIDE (Hobart): 1 K. Jaeger, 2 F. Rader, 3 Schweisinger, 4 A. Goodman, 5 E. Mathias, 6 S. Scally, 7 T. Umegher, 8 W. Zusreund, 9 H. Zoch, 10 W. Worsey, 11 W. Nicholas.
Reserves: A. Hotezinger, C. Knapek. Team manager: O. Trick. Coach: A. Salsky.

J.U.S.T. so easily

Before 7000 fans, JUST, without regulars Rodek, Dixon and Piki, upset the form book by decisively defeating SM-Hellas 2-0.

And with a little more care in finishing the Footscray side could easily have doubled their score.

Three great shots by Blue, Pegovic and Madenovic came within an ace of finding the net in the second half, but Kagioglou, who looked suspect with the two first-half goals, redeemed himself with great saves.

The Footscray side was a goal up inside a minute. Left winger Stankovic slipped a pass over to Madenovic in the open 15 yards from goal. The inside man, quick as a flash, shot a lo wrdive past Kagioglou.

Following good work by Stankovic and Pegovic, J.U.S.T. four minutes from half-time, scored again. Madenovic hammered home a goal from 22 yards, which curled away out of Kagioglou's reach.

In the second period J.U.S.T. held the upper hand throughout.

Hellas were ragged and at no stage looked like pulling the game out of the fire.

Tommy Anderson and Kagioglou were Hellas' best, and Fode, O'Brien, Dale, Blue and Madenovic were J.U.S.T.'s best.

Brunswick under-12

The last of the series of lightning premierships organised by the North of the Yarra JSF was held last Sunday at Schintler Res.

The Under-12 years competition was full of excitement and surprises. Nth Sunshine-Pol carried away the pennant.

FIRST ROUND — West Newport 1, Carlton Serbia 2 (extra time); J.U.S.T. 2, Collingwood YPC 1; Brunswick 2, Glenroy Nth 0; Nth Sunshine 1, Ardeer 0.

SECOND ROUND — Carlton Serbia 2, Nth Sunshine Pol 3 (extra time); J.U.S.T. 0, Brunswick 0 (penalty kicks J.U.S.T. 4, Brunswick 5).

FINALS — Nth Sunshine Pol 2, Brunswick State School 1.
PENNANT WINNERS Under-12 — Nth Sunshine Polonia.

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LAST WEEK

Saturday, Harry Armstrong (Reserve) Cup semi-final. George Cross 3, Hakoah 4.
Australia Cup First Round. S. M-Hellas 0, J.U.S.T. 2.
Sunday, Harry Armstrong (Reserve) Cup semi-final. Wilhelmnia 1, Lions 5.
Australia Cup First Round. George Cross 2 Juventus 0.

WORLD CUP RESULTS
France beat Luxembourg 2-0 in a World Cup qualification match held in Luxembourg on Sunday week. In Bern, Switzerland, Hungary beat Switzerland 2-0.

SOUTH AFRICA SUSPENDED

South Africa was suspended by the Congress of the International Football Federation meeting in Tokyo on Thursday.

The proposal, which was reduced from expulsion to suspension, was put forward by the United Arab Republic, supported by Ghana and Ethiopia, and accepted by 48 votes to 15.

ALL THE OVERSEAS RESULTS

Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. First Round. Second Leg: Celtic (Scotland) 3, Leixoes (Portugal) 0. (Celtic wins on aggregate, 4-1).
C.A.K. (Austria) 0, N.K. Zagreb (Yugoslavia) 6. (N.K. Zagreb wins on aggregate, 9-2).
Juventus (Italy) 1, St. Gilloise (Belgium) 0. (Juventus wins on aggregate, 2-0).
Florentina (Italy) 0, Barcelona (Spain) 2. (Barcelona wins on aggregate, 2-1).
First-round Play-off: Vojvodina (Yugoslavia) 0, Lokomotiv (Bulgaria) 2.
Heilan League: Internazionale 3, Messina 1. Other matches: Sweden 3, Poland 3; Chelsea 2, Benfica (Portugal) 4.
European Cup. Preliminary Round. Second Leg: Bologna (Italy) 2, Adnanlecht (Belgium) 1. (Aggregate, 2-2; play-off necessary).
Lyn (Norway) 3, Reipas (Finland) 0. (Lyn wins on aggregate 4-2).
European Cup. Winners' Cup. Preliminary Round. Second Leg: Celtic (Ireland) 0, Slavia (Bulgaria) 2. (Slavia wins on aggregate, 3-1).
Valkeakosken Haka (Finland) 2, Skeld (Norway) 0. (Valkeakosken Haka wins on aggregate, 2-1).
West Ham United (England) 1, La Gantoise (Belgium) 1. (West Ham wins on aggregate, 2-1).
Carluna (Holland) 2, Torino (Italy) 2. (Torino wins on aggregate, 5-3).
Galatasaray (Turkey) won by lot over Aufbauf Magdeburg (East Germany) after play-off ended 1-1.
HOLLAND.
Go Ahead 3, Dos 3; SPCL Enschede 1, Ado 0; Fortuna 54 3, PSV 2; Feijenoord 3; MVV 0; DWS 3; Sparta 2; GVAV 3; NACV 0; Almere 1; Heracles 4; Telstar 0; Sittardia 0.
ITALY.
Atalanta 0, Juventus 0; Bologna 0, Sampdoria 1; Genoa 1, Internazionale Milan 2; Lonerossi Vicenza 3, Varese 2; Mantova 2, Cagliari 2; Messina 2, Catania 1; Milan 2, Lazio 1; Roma 3, Fiorentina 3; Torino 0, Foggia 0; Bologna 3, Messina 0; Cagliari 0, Sampdoria 1.

2. L.R. Vicenza 1; Catania 3. Palamos 1, Cordoba 0; Barcelona 0, Murcia 1; Elche 1, Real Madrid 1; Atletico de Madrid 1, Coruna 0; Betis 1, Levante 0; Valencia 3, Sevilla 1.
LUXEMBOURG.
Luxembourg 2-0 in the first leg of their Group E qualifying tie in the World Cup Soccer competition. France scored a goal in each half. The return leg will be in France in November, 1965.
INTERNATIONAL.
SWITZERLAND. — Hungary beat Switzerland 2-0 in a Soccer international. The half-time score was 1-0.
Centre-forward Florian Albert scored the goals in the 40th and 64th minutes.
OLYMPIC RESULTS
Three preliminary rounds are played by each team in the four groups, after which the leading two teams in each group play the quarter-finals.
Round 1. — Group A: Germany 4, Iran 4-6, Rumania 4, Mexico 3-1.
Group B: Hungary 4, Morocco 6-0.
Group C: Brazil 3, UAM 1 (half-time 1-0).
Group D: Argentina 1, Ghana 1 (Argentina 1-0).
Group E: Czechoslovakia 6, Korea 2 (Czechoslovakia 4-0).
FRANCE.
Lille 3, Reims 1; Stade Français 2, Rouen 0; Valenciennes 0, Rennes 0; Sedan 3, Lens 1; Lyon 4, Angers 0; Monaco 3, Nyon 2; Saint Etienne 1, Strasbourg 1; Sochaux 0, Toulouse 2; Nantes 0, Nimes 1.
SPAIN.
Edgocorno 1, Los Palmas 0; Levante 5, Barcelona 1; Espaloli 1, Valencia 2; Sevilla 2, Saragossa 1; Athletic Bilbao 1, Betis 0; Real Madrid 3, Oviedo 0; Cordoba 2, Elche 0; Murcia 1, Atletico Madrid 5.
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'Our union to improve the game'—SAYS FRED HUTCHISON

The newly-formed Victorian Soccer Players' Association won't ruin the game but will improve it, the president, Fred Hutchison, said in an interview with Soccer News this week.

The union is now firmly established after months of preparation.

"The fact that it is here to stay is due to some diligent ground work for a few players intent on improving the lot of Soccer players in Victoria," he said.

Fred said the driving force during its introduction and in these early days was popular player - coach Mike de Bruyckere.

"Mike represented Holland, Australia and Victoria on the Soccer field and is well aware of the problems players encounter.

"He has proved himself capable of bringing the association to this stage where things are ready for the first annual general meeting.

"The intentions of an association are usually aimed at one particular objective, but the Players' Association constitution indicates that although promotion of the game and protection of the members' interests is a major function, there is also the provision to confer with the Federation on any matters which may adversely affect the position of either players or the game.

"This last point is the ray of hope that the Players' Association may help to provide a strengthening of the weak link in our game here — its administration.

"On both of his past two visits here, the great Soccer personality, Sir Stanley Rous, appealed to us to improve our administration for the game's sake.

"Our own president, Theo Marmaras, has openly admitted that the administration has failed in its task to keep pace with the growth of the game.

"The Players' Association believes it can greatly assist the governing body to eliminate some of the existing anomalies, thus effecting an improvement in the administration. They hope to achieve this by collaboration and co-operation between the two bodies in a united effort.

"It is true that the association will endeavor to remove the anomalies concerning players, but the association is not a big stick to be wielded by players harboring a grudge.

"Rome was not built in a day, and here also there is a lot of ground work to be done.

"The Players' Association hopes to remove all the anomalies eventually to the mutual satisfaction of clubs, Federation and players in the interests of the game.

"Over 100 members have been enrolled and many more are expected to join now that other players see that a lot of progress has been made and that the association will be an effective organisation.

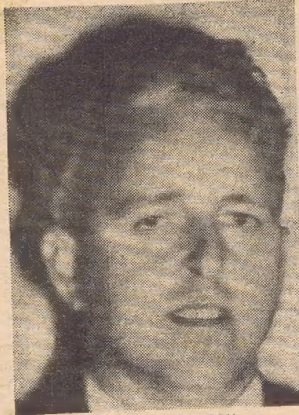
"Already the executive has the support of delegates from every State League club.

"However, the scope of the association can only be realised by consulting its excellent constitution formulated by the association solicitor, Mr. E. Cook, who is an expert in these matters.

"The committee of management will consist of a member from each State League club, six members representing the amateur players, two members representing junior players, and two representing non-playing members.

"The president, secretary and treasurer will be ex-officio members of that committee.

"The association makes a definite distinction between professional, amateur and junior players, as well as 89 4148."



FRED HUTCHISON

• The second article highlighting the skills and achievements of past and present Soccer players who have assured themselves of the tag "Soccer Immortals".

DI STEFANO AT 14 HAD MAGIC TOUCH

By JIM COOK

Alfred Di Stefano is known in European Soccer circles as the "side kick" of Puskas, with whom he's played for a long time with Real Madrid.

Di Stefano was born near the River Plate Soccer ground in Argentina.

In fact, his father was founder - member of the River Plate club and the owner of several large estates in that area.

Di Stefano started his playing career in the Argentine at the age of seven, and by the time he was 14 Soccer experts began to sit up and notice his potential.

After school he was sent to university with the idea of taking a degree in agriculture.

But his dreams ended when his father's business got into difficulties, and turning to professional Soccer he joined the River Plate Club.

Later on he joined the millionaire club, Bogota, which will be remembered by many as the outfit which poached and played several top-class British players in the early post-war years.

Now to his joining Real Madrid, which is an intriguing story in itself. Spain was celebrating its

golden jubilee in Soccer and sponsored a knock-out tournament at which Bogota were invited.

The Argentine millionaire club won the competition by beating Real Madrid in the final. Di Stefano scored two great goals for Bogota.

So, in effect, it was the Spanish Jubilee that brought this wonder player to Spain. A move neither he nor Real have ever regretted.

No longer with Real Madrid, Di Stefano has joined a provincial Spanish club, but it's on the cards he would have accepted a fabulous offer from Glasgow Celtic had it not come after he had signed.

Capped over 30 times for Spain, Di Stefano lives with his wife and three children in a luxury house in Madrid.

His yearly income with Real for the six years he played with them was reckoned to average £12,000, plus perks.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

SIR, — For some time I have been following with interest your comments on the fall of attendances at this season's games. I do not agree with your excuses (bad weather, poor fixtures, inexperienced refereeing, etc).

Soccer in Victoria has lost a lot of its color. A lot of the teams are losing their national identity. I have read many times that the teams should not have national names or identity.

Why not? The migrants contributed both money and support to build their national sides to what they are today, and no one should forget it. Besides, by introducing British players it doesn't make the sides any more Australian.

We should follow the USA, where I saw the same thing happening. They still have national named sides and still import players from Europe and South America. I think we, too, are kidding ourselves if we think we can convert the

Australians or attract the British migrants to Soccer. Soccer in Victoria reached its peak a few years ago. What great games we had. Remember a record crowd of 20,000 coming to see an all-Greek Hellas playing a predominantly Italian Juventus? What an electric atmosphere when George Cross played, spurred on by singing and trumpet playing, etc. The great clashes between Polonia and J.U.S.T.

People have said that the standard has improved. Isn't it significant that an improved Juventus has lost more than half its supporters? Where is the fervor of the George Cross supporters?

Now is the time that clubs are at a cross-roads. Are they going to forget their supporters or meet their obligations to the people who founded and

built the clubs? Are they going to keep a national name and give their supporters something to be proud of in their adopted land or change their names to a local one and disappear from the league as all other local - named clubs have? — T. MATTERI (Melbourne).

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SIR, — Here is my team of the year: 1. N. Hobson (GC), 2. N. Shepherd (S), 3. McDaid (GC), 4. F. Micic (J.U.S.T.), 5. B. Rice (J.U.S.T.), 6. J. Sanchez (S), 7. A. Campbell (GC), 8. M. Mandalis (SMH), 9. A. Blue (J.U.S.T.), 10. V. Mladenovic (J.U.S.T.), 11. McCorquodale (S). Reserves: Tsitos (SMH), MacPherson (GC), Stankovic (J.U.S.T.). Coach: V. Janczyk (P).

— PAUL SPITERI (Springvale).

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